

peace; and started in to do it himself, instead of letting the company managers and the police break the strike by force.

And I think that one big reason why there was no disorder and violence was because we had a council that had brains enough to stop the worst cause of disorder — the hired mercenaries.

And the bosses of Big Business were not in position to demand of Mayor Thompson that he turn the police department over to them so they could beat the striking employees into submission.

In other words, the Busbys, Blairs and Budds didn't own or control the people's government. Instead of them being masters of the situation by right of purchase through campaign contributions, Mayor Thompson, as representative of the people, was master of the situation.

And he will remain master of the situation just as long as he keeps in mind that he is a servant of the people. The big guys will try to get him, of course. They'll use salve, pull, persuasion, diplomacy and all the arts and tricks of wily Big Business to get next to him, or some of his intimates, so that he may be induced to see things through glasses provided by them.

In the meantime, for his own and the public's protection, he might get busy and change the viewpoint of his police department and all of its members, by showing them that they, too, are servants of the people and not the pliant tools of Chicago's most eminently respectable crooks and grafters. Policemen should be friends of the people, not bullies, rowdies and oppressors.

Anyhow, I think there was no violence simply BECAUSE THE POLICE WERE NOT PERMITTED TO START IT.

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A woman named Gold and a man named Ring were married in Minneapolis the other day.

## THE PUBLIC FORUM

AN AVERAGE OF \$1.91 A DAY.—

During the past week two ads prepared by the Western Advertising Agents' ass'n, whoever they may be, boosting Chicago, were run in the loop press. As these ads were published during the advertising men's convention here and supposedly in connection therewith and "Truth" seemed to be the admen's shibboleth, it would be unkind to doubt any statement appearing therein.

In the one captioned, "The Greatest Family of American Buyers," one paragraph reads: "In the city of Chicago alone there are 794,594 wage-earners, and nowhere in the world is labor so well paid. Bricklayers, gas fitters and electrical workers receive \$6 a day—in Chicago. Marble cutters and structural iron setters get \$5.50 a day—in Chicago. Painters and roofers get \$5.20 a day—in Chicago. These are just a few instances of the wages paid and good wages mean good living."

There is no mention made of the department store clerks whose wage is \$5 or more a day—in Chicago.

In the other ad captioned, "Chicago, the Mirror of the Nation," great stress is laid on the fact that if you can get Chicagoans to adopt any thing the balance of the nation will soon fall in line. There are also given some interesting facts about this city saying that Chicago has a cheaper rate of electric light and power than any of the 23 large American cities excepting two and that Chicago has the largest number of skilled workmen.

Now comes the Central Christian Advocate, published at Kansas City, Mo., under date of June 23 in a paragraph after stating the number of wage earners in Chicago with this sentence: "They receive an average of \$1.91 per day." If that is the average, what must be the minimum? Yet these ads referred to say that Chicago wage earners are the best.